

## 1st Declension

### Markers and Identifying Features:

1. The 1st declension is mostly feminine in gender.
2. Its thematic vowel (its 'unique' or 'special letter' of -a
3. Its genitive ending is -ae
4. All nominative forms end in -a

Ex. puella, -ae, f. - girl (Stem: puell-)

Case	Singular	Plural	• Note that the stem has dots underneath, and the <u>case-ending</u> is underlined.
Nominative	puella	puellae	
Genitive	puellae	puellarum	
Dative	puellae	puellis	
Accusative	puellam	puellas	
Ablative	puellā	puellis	

\* There are some exceptions to this rule:

• navita, -ae, m. - sailor

• agricola, -ae, m. - farmer

and others, etc.